Authority of India on Build Operate and Transfer Basis in the State of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are as under:

Sl. No.	State	NH No.	Section	Length (Km.)	Total Project Cost (Rs. crore)	Grant (Net Present value) (Rs. Crore)	Target date of completion
1	Maharashtra	3	Pimpalgaon-Dhule	118	556	(-) 58.85	March, 2009
2	Maharashtra	3	Vadape-Gonde	100	579	80.04	April, 2009
3	Chhattisgarh	6	Raipur-Aurang	45	190	7.6	October, 2008
4	Rajasthan	11	Jaipur-Mahwa	108	483	66.39	March, 2009
5	Rajasthan	11	Mahwa-Bharatpur	57	250	61.93	October, 2008

National maritime policy

240. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether national maritime policy which envisages a comprehensive strategy for the country's maritime sector including ports, shipping, inland waterways and ship building would be submitted before the Cabinet for approval;

(b) whether this policy was finalized after draft of the proposed policy was discussed at the interministerial coordination committee meeting;

(c) if so, what are main points of maritime policy;

(d) whether Cabinet has approved it; and

(e) by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Shipping has elicited responses from various stakeholders on the draft Policy for the Maritime Sector (Ports, Merchant Shipping, Shipbuilding and IWT) through a process of consultation including circulation of the draft Policy, interactive sessions with stakeholders and display of the draft Policy on its website, with a view to firming up the draft Policy. This process was followed by inter-ministerial consultations.

(c) The main points in the draft Policy are as follows:—

(i) Holistic development of maritime transport systems through a coordinated plan and strategies for development of port infrastructure, improvement in shipping, backward integration of the hinterland through rail, road and inland water transport connectivity, augmentation of ship building and ship repair facilities so as to emerge as an internationally competitive nation in this area by 2025.

(ii) Ensure quality service comparable with international benchmarks in Indian ports through modernization, improvement in productivity and structural reforms.

(iii) Facilitate transhipment of Indian origin/bound cargo in Indian ports.

(iv) Effect significant increase in Indian Shipping and IWT tonnage through facilitative policy interventions.

(v) Promote coastal shipping and inland water transport through a package of measures including fiscal and financial incentives.

(vi) Strengthen maritime administration and bring about regulatory framework reforms to promote good governance.

(vii) Provide level playing field to Indian stakeholders by providing fiscal regime at par with international norms and by rationalizing domestic levies.

(viii) Provide for state-of-the-art aids to navigation and requisite regulatory framework.

(ix) Encourage ship-building and ship-repair activities to become internationally competitive and emerge as a leading ship-building/ ship-repair nation by 2025.

(x) Support ship-breaking and ship-recycling activities without compromising on environmental concerns.

(xi) Stimulate private sector investment including foreign direct investment particularly for rendering services of a commercial nature in the Maritime sector, by providing conducive environment.

(xii) Promote shipping-trade interface by evolving code of conduct for supply chain players such as freight forwarders, shipping agents, multimodal transport operators and other intermediaries.

(xiii) Develop human resources in maritime sector and market them in the context of emerging global shortage of qualified personnel in the sector.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) It will be announced after approval of the Competent Authority.

Fencing on highways

†241. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing is being considered on Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Agra and Delhi-Jaipur Highways to prevent stray animals on the roads causing accidents;

(b) if so, whether it is being considered to put-up such kind of fencing on other highways also which are passing through Delhi; and

(c) if so, the financial provisions made for coming years for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.